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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AN INTELLIGENT
DEVICE THROUGH AN INSTANT MESSAGING PROTOCOL OVER A
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

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ABSTRACT

An intelligent device (108, 114) and a control station (102, 112) including
respective IM clients are coupled (502) to a communication network (100).
A user adds (508) the intelligent device to an IM "buddy" list (420) in the
10 control station, and thereafter controls (510) the intelligent device from the
control station by sending the intelligent device an instant message
including a command from the control station.